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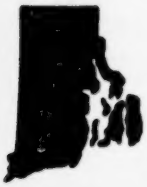

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,700 IN MAY TO 404,500

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 2,700 in May, almost entirely due to gains occuring in the Nonmanufacturing sector,reported Mary C. Hackett Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 404,500 in May. This represents a gain of 2,700 over the April level of 401,800, and is 8,800 jobs more than the May 1983 total of 395,700.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment rose by 200 in May to 119,100, an increase of 3,700 jobs from the May 1983 level of 115,400. Employment in the Durable Goods sector decreased by 200 over the month to 80,600 but was 2,600 above the year ago level. The Nondurable Goods manufacturing total of 38,500 represents a monthly gain of 400 jobs, and is up by 1,100 since May of last year.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly gains of 100 jobs each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment.

Monthly declines were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (-300) and Lumber/Furniture (-200), with the latter decrease due to a labor dispute. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their April employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest employment increase in Durable Goods was reported in Jewelry-Silverware (+600), followed by Electrical Machinery (+500), and Transportation Equipment and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400 each). Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated

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JUNE PROCLAIMED "HIRE A VET" MONTH

June has been designated "Hire A Vet" Month in Rhode Island By Executive Proclamation as well as nationally by the Secretary of Labor in an effort to increase hiring of jobless Vietnam-era and Korean War Veterans. The Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act of 1983 offers Rhoce Island Employers direct reimbursements for half the costs of hiring and training eligible veterans and it can pay up to $10,000 of a veteran's starting salary during training for jobs in growth or technology-based industries.

The Rhode Island Job Service has a large pool of job-ready veterans to refer to employers with job openings and with an eye toward growth and profitability. The EVJTA offers business and industry a unique opportunity to expand their workforces and increase their productivity while repaying some of the debt owed to individuals who have served in the nation's Defense.

When you hire a veteran, you win two ways - you gain the experience and can-do attitude that men and women acquired in the U.S. armed forces and you get reimbursed up to $10,000 of your company's costs of hiring and training qualified veterans in new skills.

Information is available from any office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page 2 of this Bulletin. Employers with job openings are invited to call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2215.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
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NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
Total Placements	1,731	1,349	1,418
New Applications	4,328	3,391	3,661
New Openings Rec'd.	3,654	2,956	2,774

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	% Change Apr.1984
Initial Claims	7,906	9,141	- 13.5
No. of Payments	48,813	54,943	- 11.2
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,268,662	$ 6,023,636	- 12.5
Exhaustions	1,291	1,499	- 13.9

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	% Change Apr.1984
Initial Claims	1,310	1,338	- 2.1
No. of Payments	10,747	11,208	- 4.1
Amount of Payments	$ 1,109,315	$ 1,191,809	- 6.9

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
Civilian Labor Force	481.5	479.6	479.8
Unemployment	30.5	31.8	38.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	6.6	8.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.7	6.4	8.7

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	469.9	469.0	468.8
Unemployment	31.8	34.1	43.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	7.3	9.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	37,515	36,430	35,735
Unemployment	1,765	2,045	2,175
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	5.6	6.1

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	14,695	14,440	14,910
Unemployment	830	975	1,130
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	6.8	7.6

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND

MAY 14-18, 1984

	Number	Percent
SEX AND AGE		
Total	11,698	100.0
Men	5,783	49.4
Under 45	4,126	71.3
45 and Over	1,657	28.7
Women	5,915	50.6
Under 45	3,313	56.0
45 and Over	2,602	44.0
INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT		
Construction	843	7.2
Manufacturing	6,196	53.0
Public Utilities	340	2.9
Wholesale and Retail	1,405	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	325	2.8
Service	1,657	14.1
All Other	932	8.0
OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	1,375	11.7
Clerical & Sales	2,100	17.9
Service	1,153	9.9
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	148	1.3
Processing	651	5.6
Machine Trades	1,745	14.9
Bench Work	1,804	15.4
Structural Work	1,124	9.6
Miscellaneous	1,449	12.4
INA	149	1.3

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	Apr. 1984	May 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	404.5	401.8	395.7	+2,700	+8,800
MANUFACTURING	119.1	118.9	115.4	+ 200	+3,700
NONMANUFACTURING	285.4	282.9	280.3	+2,500	+5,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.9	12.3	11.5	+ 600	+1,400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.5	13.4	-	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.4	83.6	82.6	+ 800	+1,800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.7	21.5	21.4	+ 200	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	95.5	94.6	93.7	+ 900	+1,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.4	57.4	57.7	-	- 300

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	May 1983	May 1984	May 1983	May 1984	May 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.1	118.9	115.4	+200	+3700	$285.60	$ 272.84	40.0	39.6	$ 7.14	$6.89
DURABLE GOODS	80.6	80.8	78.0	- 200	+2600	291.37	278.08	40.3	39.5	7.23	7.04
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.5*	2.7	2.5	- 200	0	297.44	252.05	39.5	35.5	7.53	7.10
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.1	2.0	+100	+ 200	383.72	395.45	41.8	43.6	9.18	9.07
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	355.75	334.48	42.1	42.5	8.45	7.87
FABRICATED METALS	9.1*	9.1	8.9	0	+ 200	254.28	246.09	39.0	39.0	6.52	6.31
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.6*	6.6*	6.4*	0	+ 200	402.91	363.45	43.7	40.7	9.22	8.93
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.5	11.4	11.0	+100	+ 500	273.49	269.53	41.5	40.9	6.59	6.59
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.3	9.0	+100	+ 400	409.08	379.04	42.0	41.2	9.74	9.20
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.6	0	+ 200	294.69	300.76	41.1	42.6	7.17	7.06
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.1	23.4	22.5	- 300	+ 600	214.01	205.33	38.7	37.4	5.53	5.49
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.4	5.4	5.0	0	+ 400	247.66	216.94	36.8	34.6	6.73	6.27
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.5	38.1	37.4	+400	+1100	272.74	261.76	39.3	40.0	6.94	6.64
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	232.01	227.29	35.1	37.2	6.61	6.11
TEXTILES	11.2	11.1	11.0	+100	+ 200	259.31	253.68	40.9	42.0	6.34	6.04
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 100	+ 200	223.09	214.97	38.2	39.3	5.84	5.47
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 100	254.79	265.23	40.5	42.1	6.29	6.30
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0	367.26	344.99	35.9	36.2	10.23	9.53
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.2	3.0	+100	+ 300	353.19	350.83	38.6	40.7	9.15	8.62
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.4	1.3	+100	+ 200	303.03	307.82	42.5	43.6	7.13	7.06
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	4.9	4.9	+100	+ 100	289.54	263.06	39.5	38.8	7.33	6.78
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.7	2.8	+100	0	183.56	190.00	40.7	40.0	4.51	4.75

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Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments each added 200 workers compared to May 1983. The only Durable Goods industry experiencing an annual job decline was Primary Metals (-100). Lumber/Furniture employment remained unchanged from one year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Chemical Products, Rubber Products, Plastics Products, and Leather Products. The only monthly employment decline was recorded in Apparel (-100), while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. Compared to last May, the largest payroll advance in this category was posted in Chemical Products (+300). Annual job increases of 200 each were registered in Food-Beverage, Textiles, Apparel, and Rubber Products. Plastics Products added 100 to its year ago employment level. The only Nondurable Goods producing industry which recorded a decrease in payrolls compared to May 1983 was Paper Products (-100). Printing-Publishing and Leather Products employment remained unchanged from last May.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island Employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries increased 2,500 from April to May, primarily due to continued seasonal hiring in Service, Trade, and Contract Construction. The May level of 285,400 also represents a gain of 5,100 jobs over the May 1983 total of 280,300.

The largest monthly increase in Nonmanufacturing was the addition of 900 workers to Service payrolls, which reached a level of 95,500. Employment in the Wholesale and Retail Trade sector increased by 800 in May to 84,400. The employment levels for both the Service and Trade sectors advanced by 1,800 compared to May 1983. Contract Construction employment, at 12,900, was up 600 for the month and 1,400 on an annual basis. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate recorded a monthly gain of 200 as it rose to 21,700, which represents an annual increase of 300 jobs. Government employment, at 57,400, remained unchanged from the previous month, but decreased 300 from one year ago. Although Transportation and Public Utilities employment did not change from its April level, the current total of 13,500 is 100 higher than in May 1983.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased by 1 cent to $7.14 in May, but were up 25 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in May to 40.0 hours, but this was 0.4 of an hour greater than May 1983. Average weekly earnings for these workers in May amounted to $285.60. While this represents a loss of $1.12 from last month, it is $12.76 more than was reported in May of last year.

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